

Application No. 09/889,307
Amdt. dated January 22, 2004
Reply to Office Action of September 22, 2003
Docket No. 0501-1051

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 1. In Figure 1, a schematic representation of the signal processing means has been added. No other change has been made to the drawing figure.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

This application has been amended so as to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Office Action.

The Office Action objects to the drawings under 37 CFR §1.83(a) as failing to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Specifically, the Office Action notes that the signal processing means is not illustrated in the drawings as originally filed.

Accordingly, applicants include herewith an amended sheet that adds a schematic representation of the signal processing means to Figure 1. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are therefore respectfully requested.

The Office Action also notes that the present specification in its current form fails to conform with the preferred format for U.S. patent applications. Specifically, the usual headings and subheadings do not appear in the specification.

Accordingly, applicants have amended the specification as necessary to insert the appropriate headings and subheadings. As such, the specification is believed now to be in proper form.

The Office Action explicitly states that claims 1-13 are allowed. In light of the present amendments to the specification and drawing figures, as well as the explicit statement of allowance, applicants believe that the present

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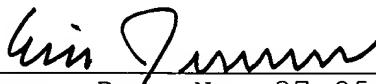
application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

- a Replacement Sheet for Figure 1 of the drawings